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RESPONSE TO MAY 28, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 28, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-9, 28, 29 and 31), drawn to a protein, with traverse. Applicants assert that the subject matter of Group I and Group II (Claims 10-18, 23-25 and 30, drawn to a fusion protein) are substantially the same. The claims of Groups I and II recite a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of a glycosylated interferon-beta. Therefore, it would not impose an additional burden to search Groups I and II simultaneously.

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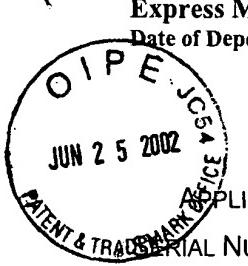
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